

Conversation with 24 year old black female, Washington, DC (Transcription)

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FW What kinds of games did you play when you were younger?

INF If we had, if I was at a party, we'd play spin the bottle, we played monopoly, checkers uh what else did we play? Well, we usually played cowboys and Indians. Uh well, you divide into two teams and one team would be against the other team and we had a park right across the street from our houses and we usually played very rough. I was going to tell you about that. We played some games uh there was a devil. And the devil would tell what type of, what kind of pie he wanted and that particular pie would run from the devil and if the devil caught him, then he would have to be the devil, but I forget what you call it. Oh, it was a lot of fun. I think that was one of my a favorite games. You could be a blueberry pie; you could select the type you wanted to be. I forgot to tell you about this game. I don't remember about that one. We played hop scotch and you put uh a stone in your block and you jump over all the other blocks. And then if you made it you'd know your stone would go to 2 and then to 3 until you got to 10. Nnno. But in elementary school, there was some little silly game.... What was it? Um oh, I can't think of it, but um when we were going to church and we'd have programs. And we'd play little Miss Muffett, sit on her tuffett, eating her Christmas pie? Along came the spider and sat dwon beside her and frightened Miss Muffett away. And I used to be Miss Muffett and when the spiders came

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down, I'd have to jump up and scream and run away. I didn't remember all the games I used to play.

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INF I said, Oh my goodness! I didn't play any games. But then when I started talking about them, then I remember all the games we used to play. No. I played cowboys and Indians, but I didn't play marbles. I thought that was a boy's game. I ususally watched. Oh, double dutch. I was one of the best rope jumpers in my neighborhood. And in high school, I did a special performance on one occasion where I just jumped rope and showed a lot of tricks for it. Oh, yes. I was really goood. It wasn't a game, but every gym class presented something. It could be a dance or if your class was jumping rope, you could jump rope. And I did all of these different things with a rope, a single rope. And everybody just loved it. I was thinking about becoming famous by jumping rope.

Well, it's not that I don't like TV. When I was younger I never had the opportunity to see what I wanted to on television. Therefore I did other things and so I never really became that interested in television. Because I didn't like cowboys and Indians and the Lone Ranger. I'm dating myself. But uh I got out of the habit and now I only look at Peyton Place and Well the last time I saw it. Rodney's brother-in-law a had run over him on the highway and a knocked him off his motorcycle. And he was in the hospital to have this operation. And Betty told Stephen at the hospital to please leav her and Ron alone because he was ruining their lives; just to stay out of it. And he said well he felt he should know what was going on and um she felt that he was the one responsible for the fact that Ron might die. And the doc, I mean in the previews the minister finally, what was the girl's name? Uh, the girl who ? them. He finally released some of his feelings about how he felt about her. I thought all the time that he was in love with her, but I was waiting to see. But the wife actually threw them together on purpose

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INF Because I think she liked someone else, but they haven't really brought that fact out. No, she's married to Rodney. She's been married to Rodney along time now. And uh she got a divorce from Stephen. Uh the father, old man Peyton had something to do with that, because Betty at the time was up for a murder charge or she she thought she had killed somebody. Right. The cliff. Only she was going to push Betty off. Only Betty stepped aside and she fell over, but there was no way that she could prove that. And uh Rodney's half brother, what's his name? Norman got this money from his wife's father. So now he has a lot of money and he's going into business. And that's how Steve got mixed up with Rodney and Betty again, because they were in on this business deal. I love Peyton Place; my roommate hates it. But uh she let's me watch it. She has a TV and I have a stereo. We compromise.

Uh not as much as I like. The last picture I saw was Guns For San Sebastian. It was really good. It was about thid man. I don't know what he was, he was so many things. And he tried to tell the people in this village that he wasn't a minister, but they wouldn't believe it. He had been drinking some wine and he put the cask in a tree or behind something in a church. And when somebody shot an arrow, the wine spilled and they thought it was blood and that it was a big miracle and they made him a preist of this little village. And these people had been run out of the village by the Indians and uh they said oh well here's, we can come back now and these people will save us. But what the people didn't know was they had to,save themselves, because they weren't very brave and they would just let people run them out, and the men wouldn't even try to fight. And the Indians and this other little outlaw group would wait for the plants

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INF and when the food would start growing they would run in and take it and then run back to the mountains again. So uh he came and gave them the courage to fight; keep what they wanted.

Lula Bye of Broadway. Well, I was a child at the time and it was a musical. I can't even remember what it was about, but it just left me feeling like I wanted to see it again, but it never came back. No. I I enjoyed Lula Bye of Broadway. I don't remember who stared in it or what it was about, but it was in color and it was a beautiful musical. I hope that it does come back one day, but I doubt it.

No, I haven't, but I intend to because someone was teasing me about that the other day. I haven't seen that. No I don't. I don't believe in spooky things. I don't know. I intend to read the book, but um Some one said that this was the first time that they had ever read the book and then gone to see the picture and wasn't disappointed. Because usually, like Valley of the Dolls, the book is very good, but the picture is different. I didn't. I read the book. And after I read the book and everyone was saying that the picture was not as good as the book, I didn't go to see the picture. No. I didn't see Gone With the Wind.

FW What was your major in school?

IrF My major was Speech Correction. Well, we ususally work with students who have more or less an organic problem or some deeply imbedded problem as in contradiction to people who just speak sub-standard English. And we work on things like articulation um but to the point that you can't understand what they're saying. And you understand what a non standard speaker says. And uh we work on stuttering problems uh phasure and lisping, voice problems... No, I never had the opportunity to work with deaf mutes and

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I really don't think that we are taught to work with deaf mutes. That's an entirely different aspect

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INF of speech correction, I would imagine. I don't either. That is why I am saying that I don't know. I wouldn't know where to begin. Yes, I went to Giddings, Mont, Bell um Randall, Dunbar and D. C. Teacher's. Yes, I had some of my best teachers in elementary school. Um, I had a teacher that was named <unintelligible text> and she worked with me to help bring up my reading skills and to develop me personally, And when I graduated from elementary school, she saw to it that I was put in a good section, because the school that I went to you know, the further down in sections you go, I think the less education you get. You know, like 7-1 and 7-2 has the best books and the best teachers and I was always grateful to her. She died just last year. I used to go see her when I was in college. And I didn't know she had passed. No, she didn't. When I went to kindergarten, when I was a little girl and everyone said, <unintelligible text> what do you want to be? I said, I want to be a teacher. I wanted to be a teacher, but when I got out of high school, I didn't know what I wanted to be. I just instinctively went into college to be a teacher. My mother said to me work or go to school. I said that I will do that. I'll go to school. No work for me. I had worked that summer too in this lady's house and she wanted me, well I was supposed to baby sit. And everyday she'd add something scrubbing the floors and all that kind of stuff and then she wanted you to iron. And I said, well I'm sorry, you know. So after three days, I skipped. Yeah, she wanted me to do all this work for \$10. No me. She'd work me to death. And then this other thing. She'd give the children one thing for lunch and then you'd get something else for lunch. And then one day I remember I brought my lunch. And she said, Oh, you brought your lunch. And I said, Yes I'm not used to eating peanut butter and jelly everyday,

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INF So I went to school after that. I said I know it's hard out here. I better go get some more education.

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